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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 19, 2005,  
applicants hereby elect Species II of (Figs. 2-3). Claims 1,  
12, 13, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 read on the Species II.

Further, applicants traverse the requirement of Election  
between Species II and III. Both of these species has a  
deformable element arranged between the pinion and the output  
member. The arrangement of the parts in Species II is  
slightly different than in Species III. However, species II  
and III define the same patentable invention and are not  
patentably distinct.

Moreover, the search and prior art relevant to Species II  
would be relevant to Species III. Thus examining both species  
in one application should save on the Patent Office work load  
as compared to the Patent Office handling two applications.

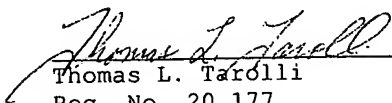
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Claim 14 reads on the species of Fig. III in addition to claims 1, 12, 18 and 20-26.

In summary applicants request Examination of Species II and Species III, namely claims 1, 12-14, 18 and 20-26.

An action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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